THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Visva Bharati, the University has not witnessed any sharp-deterioration in its academic environment over the last several months. However, there had been a snap strike for eleven days from 24th October to 3rd November, 2009. The strike was triggered by transfer effected by the University authorities of two employees of 'Rabindra Bhavana' and issues raised subsequently regarding financial mismanagement, irregularities in appointments as well as allegations against the Vice-Chancellor. Following an intervention by the Chancellor *(Acharya)* of the University, the strike was called off from 4th November, 2009 and all academic and administrative activities were resumed from 5th November, 2009 onward. The University has reported that there is no disturbance on the University campus of present.

(c) To restore the University to its pre-eminence in the national and international arena and to re-establish it as a centre of excellence, keeping in view the recommendations of the High Level Committee headed by the Governor, West Bengal in his capacity as the Rector of the University, the Central Government, through the University Grants Commission, has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 95 crores, over and above its normal Eleventh Plan grant, to Visva Bharati.

(d) and (e) The University Grants Commission has, in exercise of its powers under Section 12 of the UGC Act 1956, *vide* its order dated 14th November, 2009 constituted a Fact Finding Committee to ascertain facts in regard to all allegations of financial mismanagement, misappropriation of funds, irregularities in appointments, charges of favouritism and nepotism against the University functionaries as also into the allegations against the Vice-Chancellor personally.

Central universities in North-Eastern States

2549. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESROUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central universities which have been established in North-Eastern States, particularly in Nagaland;

(b) the funds allocated to these universities during last three years;

(c) whether any proposals are pending before Government for providing latest modern technology and equipments for research in these universities;

(d) whether recruitment of staff has been completed or still some posts are lying vacant and the details thereof;

(e) whether any demand from these universities for financial assistance is pending before Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) There are nine Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry that are located in the North-Eastern States. In Nagaland, there is only one Central

University. A list of such universities, as also the General Development Grant released by the University Grants Commission (UGC) during the last three years, is given in Statement-I *(See* below). In addition to this, the UGC has also released Rs 3911,96 lakhs under the Merged Scheme and of Rs. 8537.56 lakhs for development of infrastructure in these Universities.

(c) According to the information furnished by the UGC, there are no such proposals.

(d) Out of 1971 teaching posts sanctioned to these Central Universities, as on 31.3.2009, there are 657 vacant positions, The University-wise, post-wise, details are given in Statement-II *(See* below).

(e) and (f) The UGC has submitted a separate proposal to the tune of Rs. 75.25 crores in respect of certain Central Universities in the North Eastern Region for augmenting water supply, power, transport facilities, construction of road, etc, for taking up with the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region.

Statement-I

Central Universities in North - Eastern States

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Grant allocated and released to the Central Universities in North Eastern Region

	Allocation	Year-wise release of grant			
	XI Plan	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Total
Arunachal Pradesh					
1 Rajiv Gandhi University	5114.75	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Assam					
2 Assam University	7000.00	700.00	1050.00	800.00	2550.00
3 Tezpur University	9225.00	1158.76	4932.34	1200.00	7291.10
Manipur					
4 Manipur University	8797.20	1688.60	1619.12	1900.00	5207.72
Meghalaya					
5 North-Eastern Hill University	12380.00	2026.32	3689.53	0.00	5715.85
Mizoram					
6 Mizoram University	17032.50	1350.00	3857.13	1450.00	6657.13
Nagaland					
7 Nagaland University	8250.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Sikkim					
8 Sikkim University	10000.00	550.00	1725.00	0.00	2275.00
Tripura					
9 Tripura University	10000.00	1500.00	833.80	550.00	2883.80
Grand Total :	87799.45	10273.68	17706.92	5900.00	33880.60

As on 07.12.09

Statement-II

Teaching staff-strength as on 31.3.2009 (Existing & vacant positions)

Sl. No.	Name of University	Sanctioned Posts					Existing Strength							No. of Vacant Positions						
		P	R	L	O	Total	Professor		Reader		SL/ SG	Lect	O	Total		Grand	P	R	L	O	Total
							DR	CAS	DR	CAS	CAS	DR		DR	CAS	Total					
1	North Eastern Hill Univ.	81	112	151	0	344	58	46	91	29	22	39	0	188	97	285	23	21	15	0	59
2	Assam University	28	75	163	0	266	20	20	56	8	15	100	0	176	43	219	8	19	20	0	47
3	Tezpur University	32	46	90	0	168	23	3	24	9	19	48	0	95	31	126	9	19	14	0	42
4	Nagaland University	44	50	114	4	212	14	11	39	3	15	73	0	126	29	155	19	8	26	4	57
5	Mizoram University	43	67	228	0	338	22	2	40	4	12	135	0	197	18	215	21	26	76	0	123
6	Manipur University	29	69	122	1	221	6	50	44	7	15	30	0	80	72	152	23	25	20	1	69
7	Rajiv Gandhi University	13	27	84	0	124	5	10	6	19	8	41	0	52	37	89	8	11	16	0	35
8	Tripura Unversity*	16	27	54	0	97	9	11	20	12	3	18	0	47	26	73	7	7	0	10	24
9	Sikkim University*	29	68	104	-	201	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201
	Total :	315	541	1110	5	1971	157	153	320	91	109	484	0	961	353	1314	118	136	187	15	657

*New Central University; Posts Sanctioned recently.

Note: DR - Direct Recruitment, CAS - Career Advancement Scheme